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OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to address this letter to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States, which has entrusted me with informing you of its position with regard to the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Group of Arab States:

- Expresses its grave concern at the tragic events that have taken place in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Strongly condemns the shelling of Sarajevo by Serbian forces on 5 February 1994, which constituted one more in the continuing series of actions directed against the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Requests the Security Council to take urgently all the requisite measures, as provided for in the Charter of the United Nations, for the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Council under Chapter VII which authorize the use of force to bring about compliance by the Serbian side, which has refused to abide by the principles of international legitimacy;
- Reaffirms the necessity of implementing the Security Council resolutions on the protection of the safe areas, particularly resolution 836 (1993), paragraph 10 of which specifies that Member States have the right to use air power to protect the safe areas, including Sarajevo;
- Denounces the acts of genocide which continue to be perpetrated against the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina under cover of the failure to implement earlier resolutions of the Council;
- Reaffirms that the only way to bring an end to this tragic situation is by bombarding the Serbian military positions that are threatening

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international peace and security by their acts of aggression against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

- Stresses the need to halt the aggression against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, end the siege of Sarajevo and support the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the exercise of its right to self-defence as provided for in Article 51 of the Charter.

In the light of the above, the Arab Group urges the Security Council to fulfil the responsibilities conferred upon it under the Charter by taking immediate measures to bring to an end this tragic humanitarian situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which threatens the credibility of the international order in general.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nabil ELARABY
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Permanent Representative
of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Chairman of the Arab Group
